EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gail D. Tanzer on August 26, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 8, after "pressure of", insert --oxygen of--.

In claim 1, lines 9 and 10, replace "an effective" with --a controlled--.

In claim 1, line 10, after "oxygen", insert --of $0.1P_c$ to $10P_c$--.

In claim 1, line 13, after "pressure of", insert --oxygen of--.

In claim 1, line 16, after "pressure of", insert --oxygen of--.

In claim 1, line 19, after "pressure of", insert --oxygen of--.

In claim 1, line 19, replace "." with --,--.

In claim 1, add a line 20 and insert --wherein P_c is oxygen critical pressure.--.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michelle Estrada whose telephone number is 571-272-1858. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Smith can be reached on 571-272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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